

CE-982
Kennedy House
Near Warwick
Private

C. 1860-1870

The Kennedy House stands on property that borders the Sassafras River and the owners of this property have had a continuous history of owning land in both Cecil and Kent Counties. The house appears in 1877 on the Lake, Griffing and Stevenson Atlas under George Kennedy's name and adjacent to a grist and saw mill. The two story three bay frame house saw a radical change in the late 19th Century with the addition of gable end bay windows and a mansard roof.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY File 1-138

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Kennedy House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Sassafras-Warwick Road

CITY, TOWN

Sassafras

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

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CITY, TOWN

Middletown

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STATE, zip code

Delaware 19709

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

MARYLAND

Liber #: WAS 126

Folio #: 94

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**KENNEDY HOUSE**

The Kennedy house is a three story three bay by one room frame house with a two and one-half story T kitchen section to the east. The house was extensively remodeled in the late 19th Century with the addition of the mansard roof for the full third story in front and three story end wall bay windows on the main block. Numerous single and double story additions have been attached to the different sides. Maryland 282 passes 100 yards in front and replaced the earlier road which the house fronts. The main facade faces west with a north/south primary gable orientation.

The house rests on a fieldstone foundation and is sheathed with weatherboard siding. The second floor of the bay windows is covered with decorative round edged fishscale shingles. The sides of the mansard roof are covered with aluminum.

The primary facade is three bays across with an entrance in the central bay. The window and door trim is plain. The single pane sash are flanked with louvered shutters. Five two-over-two sash dormers stretch across the mansard roof with extended eaves and shallow gable roof. A single story screened in porch covers the entire first floor, and is supported by a concrete block knee high wall. The north and south end of the main block have projecting bay windows and the mansard roof continues to cover them. Decorative brackets adorn the outside corner soffits of the mansard roof since the sides of the windows are on a diagonal. The two-over-two window sash have plain trim with slightly molded caps. A single third floor dormer window lights the attic. A single bay two story section is attached to the southeast corner of the T plan and contains a side entrance and bathroom above. The entrance has been changed to a window but the hip roof porch with doric columns remains. A single story porch and enclosed kitchen extends around the kitchen section. The second floor has two-over-two sash lights and a two-over-two sash dormer on the south side. Two six pane attic lights flank the interior end stove stack. The eaves are extended on this section with the soffits sloped. The north side of the house has the first floor continuation of the kitchen and a two story glassed-in sun porch in the northeast corner. Another chimney stack does rise out of the northeast corner of the main house. One other stack rises out of the center of the main block.

The interior was extensively remodeled in the last 19th Century or early 20th but some of the fluted door surrounds with bulls eye corner blocks remain with their four panel doors. Alterations to the first floor removed the north interior hall wall and a large oak stair rises to the third floor. There is a landing and ninety-degree turn three stairs from the first floor. The newel is square and the balusters turned with a molded handrail. Another later addition was the north parlor mantel on the northeast wall of the bay window. The naturally stained oak mantel has detached columns that rise to support a cornice above the over mantel which has a beveled oval mirror. Applied oak foliate decoration embellishes the overmantel also. Greenish tile decorates the spandrels on either side of the fireplace opening which is covered with an elaborate cast iron grill. Detailing throughout the rest of the house remains basically plain. The third floor was also finished.

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AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Kennedy house appears to have been a fairly non-descript "I" house of around 1860. The house shows up on the 1877 Lake, Griffing and Stevenson atlas under the name of G. Kennedy and adjacent to the Grist and Saw Mill.

Although the house has seen a radical change in appearance the architectural quality of the alterations did not destroy the integrity of the structure. The significant woodwork dates from the late 19th Century remodeling.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paul B. Touart Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

10/18/79

Cecil County Committed

STREET & NUMBER

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398-7568

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Maryland 21921

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KENT CO

Sassafras

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(MILLINGTON)
5862 IV SE

SCALE 1:24 000

47°30' 432



KENNEY House

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NEAR

WARWICK, MD.

ON

SASSAPILAS

CRICK

NORTHEAST

ELEVATION

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CF- 982

Kennedy House

NR

Warwick, MD. on Sassafras Creek

South Elevation

6/79

P13T



Kennedy House

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NR WARWICK, MD. ON SASSAFRAS CREEK

W. EAST ELEVATION

6/29 PBT